

Dear Parents and Students:

It is an exciting time of year for our bands. You are about to experience the combining of all your grade level talents into one *GREAT* performance team.

This year's songs bring new levels of challenge and beauty which are accented nicely by the wonderful venue of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Theater Stage. Our guest directors are very excited to meet and work with your young musicians. In all, it is an incredible opportunity for everyone.

To get ready, we are practicing very hard in class (and hopefully, just as hard at home!). To help students understand the size of the groups and how 'to work within those groups, we schedule extra rehearsals for each grade.

If your home-management-system, a.k.a. "the fridge!" is like mine, these notes have been designed for you to be able to cut out so you keep only what you need from this letter.

Tickets will be available from your school office the first week of March. An order form will be sent home in two weeks. Prices \$5 (19+)/\$3 (0-18)

**Seventh & Eighth Grade Parents:** You are invited to come see your student perform a *solo* on **February 23 at South West Middle School**. Your exact time will be scheduled by next week. Your student will perform with an accompanist, for an adjudicator who will critique their performance and offer extra advice on how to improve. Those entire event runs from 3:30-6:00 and each student has a five minute window for their performance. Hopefully, you have heard these songs being played at home as well!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [shane.bradford@k12.sd.us](mailto:shane.bradford@k12.sd.us)

Have a GREAT day! Shane Bradford, Director of Bands: NMS, GB, HM and KH

***FIFTH GRADE Rehearsals:***

*Monday, March 5 – 3:45 – 4:30  
Monday, March 12 – 3:45 – 4:30  
Monday, March 19 – 3:45 – 4:30  
All rehearsals are in the Central  
High School Band Room.*

***SIXTH GRADE Rehearsals:***

*Monday, March 5 – 4:45 – 5:30  
Monday, March 12 – 4:45 – 5:30  
Monday, March 19 – 4:45 – 5:30  
All rehearsals are in the Central  
High School Band Room.*

***SEVENTH GRADE Rehearsal:***

*Monday, March 26, 8:00 – 11:00  
Students will rehearse with the  
GUEST DIRECTOR today.  
Be warmed up and on stage in the  
Civic Center Theater by 7:55 am.  
Students will be bussed back to  
school in time for lunch.*

***EIGHTH GRADE Rehearsal:***

*Monday, March 26, 12:00 – 3:00  
Students will be bussed to the Civic  
Center after an early lunch.  
They need to arrange a ride FROM  
the Civic Center Theater at 3:00.*